

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day takes place on October 12, 2024, and is recognized each fall as a day to remember the firefighters Wisconsin has lost over the course of the year; and

WHEREAS; to date, the names of more than 300 fire and EMS personnel are engraved on the Memorial Wall of the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial in Ben Hansen Park in Wisconsin Rapids; and

WHEREAS; on September 28, the memory of all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice as members of the state's fire and EMS services were honored with a Final Alarm Ceremony at the Wisconsin Fire & EMS Memorial Park to provide comfort to family members, friends, colleagues, and loved ones and assure them that the service and sacrifice of their fallen hero will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS; special recognition is given to the families and representatives of Equipment Operator Karl Blaedow of the Brookfield Fire Department, Chief Todd Yandre of the Lake Mills Fire Department, Captain Paul Mattlin of the Stevens Point Fire Department, Heavy Equipment Operator Mark Hoffman of North Shore Fire and Rescue, Firefighter/Paramedic Jeremiah Dunn of the Milwaukee Fire Department, and Firefighter Frank Hoffman, Firefighter Herman Smith, and Firefighter William Gross of the Fort Atkinson Fire Department who lost their lives; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring the courage, selflessness, and sacrifice of the heroes across the state who served their communities and who lost their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 12 2024 as

## **WISCONSIN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 17th day of September 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State